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For: Chewy Products and Protein-Based Chewy Products and Methods for Making Same

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the 8 August 2007 Office Action in which claims 1 and 3-15 are pending and claims 1 and 3-15 have been rejected in the above-identified patent application. A Response to the 8 August 2007 Office Action was originally due 8 November 2007. Applicant has filed a Petition for a 3 month extension of time from 8 November 2007 up to and including 8 February 2008. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed. Applicant is also filing a new Power of Attorney.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response and pass the above-identified application to issue. Kindly amend the application as follows.